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Schmitt, of a son.
On the 10th July, at Shanghai, the wife of F.
P. Devereux, of a daughter.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VEAUX ROAD CL.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 23RD JULY, 1904.

The Japanese prosecutions—we had almost
written "persecutions"—of foreign news-
papers in Japan are making the officials
concerned look somewhat ridiculous. Such
of the reported cases as we have studied
afford no clue to the object of the persons
laying the information. But that the in-
sultation were unkind, we might suggest
that the public procurators had for motive
nothing more worthy than a desire to
emphasise their own patriotic zeal. Aban-
doning that possible theory, however, there
remains little doubt that these gentlemen
have greatly misunderstood the nature of
the duty required of them. The very proper
and eminently reasonable object of the
embargo laid upon the journalists of Japan
was that of making sure that the enemy
should obtain no information likely to assist
it in its operations against the forces of the
Government making the order. To that
end, the war correspondents were rusticated,
—and quite excuseably, no matter what they
say themselves—and gently detained in the
chrysalis country. In South Africa, im-
pelled by the clamant cables: "Copy.
Why no copy? Send copy," the correspon-
dent busied himself, and in the inevitable
intervals between actual happenings, turned
his attention to the things to come. The
initial steps of pregnant movements were
recorded, and found their way, as in these
days of telegraphy such things will, to the
Boers. So in many cases elaborate and care-
ful plans were made to "gang agley," and
the world learned a lesson that England for

one will doubtless profit by, and that Japan
has already acted upon. So far, so good.
Japan's action, in view of her almost pain-
fully obvious desire to placate outsiders,
and secure their sympathy, was a courage-
ous one, evoking admiration in many
quarters where there would have been
greater hesitation in taking such a
bold step. To further the same objects,
Regulations were issued at Tokyo, giving
power to the authorities to deal with such
newspapers as even then might manage to
get hold of information better left un-
published. Any paper in Japan exposing a
possible weakness on the Japanese side, or
publishing a hint as to dates and so on of
future movements, could, under those
Regulations, have been disabled for further
mischievous. So far, nothing of the kind seems
to have occurred. The procurators, finding
these novel powers in their hands, have, it
would appear, experienced the yearnings
of a schoolboy with a new pocket-knife, and
to have looked about them for something to
cut. The *Kobe Chronicle* is one of the
journals that have dropped in for the official
whittling, and we may take its case as
typical of the rest. The item for which
Mr. Youso, its editor, was punished, dealt
entirely with the past tense. It said the
advance on Port Arthur had been resumed;
that a despatch had come to say the army
had captured a position, after hard fighting
and great gallantry; that so many persons
were wounded on both sides; and that cer-
tain arms were captured. That, and no
more. If it had been a Japanese reverse,
and the Government had desired its people
to be kept in that ignorance which is
officially considered bliss on such occasions,
we could have understood the complaint;
but there was no suggestion of its being
improper knowledge in Japan. It was with
distressing seriousness alleged that, while
the item had been published outside in
more meagre form, this gave details that
would benefit Russia, and the Court would
not accept the Editor's opinion that the
Russians must have been in possession of
them before he was. Considering
the fact that communications were effectually
blocked between Port Arthur and the
Russian land forces, it is quite possible that
the Japanese Court was right, and Mr.
Young wrong. But what then? General
Kuropatkin had been told often enough of
Port Arthur's evil case, and the fact that
its besiegers had gained one more stride in
its direction could make no difference. The
Court in its judgment said: "The object of
the War Office Order is to protect im-
portant war secrets from being disclosed."
The statement in this case relates to the
"movements of the Imperial Army in the
direction of a force of the enemy then
under siege and isolated at the time of
publication." It therefore comes under the
"purview of the War Office Order in
question." That word "therefore" in-
dicates, however, that it was the Port
Arthur defence forces to which these details
were "secrets," and not the troops in the
north which might, learning them, hasten
to her relief. Is it flattering to the intelli-
gence of the Court to point out this, that it
supposes the very party attacked not to
have known about it? It seems to us quite
otherwise, and of a piece with the gravity
with which the Court agrees to return, "in
accordance with Article 202 of the Criminal
Code," an old copy of the *Chronicle* that
had had to be for a time withheld from its
presumably agonised and yearning editor
and owner.

There is a story going to the effect that
Russia, by claiming all the unclaimed deposits in
its national savings banks, hopes to gain a
hundred million roubles for its war chest.

The sum of 20,000 yen in Japanese gold was
sent to Hongkong by a French steamer on July
4th, and 50,000 yen was exported on the 13th
inst. to Hongkong by the *Coptic* through a
Chinese merchant at Yokohama.

In the course of the hearing of a case yesterday
in the Summary Court the European plaintiff,
who was claiming damages for non-return of
clothes from a Japanese laundry, put the value
of a white shirt at 8s. The Judge wanted to
know if he meant 8s a dozen!

In the Summary Court yesterday Captain
Merlin, of the s.s. *Charles Hardin*, was sued
by a steward for \$18 for wages. Mr. Justice
Sewcombe Smith held the defendant had nothing
to do with the taking on of the servants—this
being done by the Company—and he accord-
ingly dismissed the case.

A small fire occurred at the Australia Board-
ing-house, situated near Central Police Station,
on Thursday at about 10 p.m. Though the
Brigade turned out, their services were not
required. The conflagration was confined to
the ground floor, and started, it is understood,
with the falling of a lamp. Damage done is
estimated at \$90. The premises are covered by
the Union Insurance Co. for \$6,000.

Yokohama is shortly to have another club, an
international one.

Japanese casualties up to the 9th instant
were counted at 1,352.

Another Chinese died of plague during the
previous twenty-four hours.

An electric tramway between Yokohama and
Kanagawa was opened on the 10th instant.

The foreign residents at Nagasaki are sub-
scribing to have gas installed in their public
hall.

The *Springfield Republican* is publishing
columns of names of people who have signed
petitions for the granting of Philippine in-
dependence.

The advances to the Japanese Government by
the Central Bank of Japan have now, says the
Nagasaki Press of the 10th inst., reached a
total of 65,000,000 yen.

The former chief of the Agricultural Experi-
ment Station, Yamagata, Japan, charged with
fraud, peculation, and subornation of perjury,
has shot himself.

The Japanese of Kobe have already arranged
a programme of fourteen items to celebrate the
fall of Port Arthur. They have fixed the cost
at about a thousand yen.

Telegraphing on the 17th instant to the N.C.
Daily News, the Tokyo correspondent of that
journal says "Things have been dull of late."
What a blasé man he must be.

Referring to the Chefoo telegrams in Shang-
hai papers, the *Chefoo Daily News* calls them
"senseless," and says they "show the long
ears" of those who write them.

M. A. Novion, one of the old-time Commis-
sioners of Customs in China, died at Nice on the
18th of May last at the age of 67. He left
China some four years ago.

A man rode to the summit of Snowdon,
Wales, in a motor car on the 26th May last.
On the higher gradient his engine worked at
seventeen hundred revolutions a minute.

One European and two Chinese members of
the crew of the C. N. S. *Shaohsing* were
suffocated on entering the ballast tank to clean
it. Two others, who were rescued, are in the
Shanghai hospital.

Mr. George E. Anderson, newly appointed
U.S. Consul at Hangchow, is due to sail from
San Francisco by the P.M.S. *China* on the 6th
prox. He has been connected professionally, up
to his appointment, with the American press.

Mr. Motojima Tano, of Shinseiza, Shiba,
Tokyo, is reported to have purchased the *Footsai*,
formerly a man-of-war belonging to the Chinese
Nanyang Squadron. The vessel, according to
the *Japan Advertiser*, arrived at Yokohama on
June 30th.

The Harvard Club of Japan has been pre-
sented with a bronze statue of John Harvard,
the founder of the University. The donors are
Dr. Harris Kennedy of the Class of '94 and his
brother Sinclair Kennedy, of the Class of '97,
who have recently visited Japan.

The death took place at Aldershot recently
of Major William Paton, R.E.A., who distin-
guished himself in the Afghan War of 1879-80.
At the battle of Maiwand, when the 66th Regi-
ment was cut up, Paton was a sergeant in the
Royal Artillery, and after all his battery officers
had fallen, took command and succeeded in
saving the guns at the most critical moment.
For this he took his D.S.O.

Thus the *Pochoon Echo* on the 19th instant—
"Lives of some real 'rags' remind us
That there may be luck sublime,
Editorial staff behind us
Giving news news every time.
Lives that our poor little Echo,
Struggling o'er the local map,
With its Echo merely Echoes,
Echoes over and again."

The German mail steamer *Roos*, which
arrived here yesterday morning, encountered
the full force of the typhoon when a hundred
miles out of Yokohama. The vessel headed
sewards, and weathered the gale with little or
no damage, some inconvenience being caused,
however, by the rolling of the steamer, which
was lightly laden. Among the passengers on
board was Marquis Ito.

"Don't you think, Mr. Wu," said the
Chefoo Daily News reporter to Mr. Wu Ting-
fang, "that in any event Russia will have a
right to insist upon a Manchurian port as an
outlet to her great railway?" Learning over
on his elbows, like a fellow whose four aces
have just been called, he said: "Now, who
asked Russia to build that railway, anyhow?"

The N.C. *Daily News* learns that as the
result of the argument in chambers in the
action brought by the owners of the junk
Ling Lee-yuen against the China Navigation
Company, for damages caused in a collision
between the junk and the C. N. S. *Ichang*, Sir
Hiram S. Wilkinson awarded the plaintiffs
\$12,000 damages and costs. The expert
evidence of Capt. J. P. Roberts was that the
only thing of value on the junk was her masts.

On April 1st the Japanese announced that
after the expiry of six months the import duty
on tobacco would be one hundred per centum ad
valorem. On the same day the Tobacco Mono-
poly Law reserved for the Government, after three
months, the right of importing tobacco. This
has meant heavy losses to importers, who are
now told that the new duty announced applied
only to private consumers who might, with
Government permission, import tobacco for
their own use.

TELEGRAMS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

HOME RULE FOR TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, 22nd July.

The Rt. Hon. Alfred Lyttelton to-day
announced the intention of the Government
to grant a representative government to the
Transvaal next year.

THE ADVANCE ON LHASSA.

LONDON, 21st July.

After forcing the Karopa Pass, our ex-
pedition has encamped at a point 92 miles
from Lhasa.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

FINANCE BILL PASSED.

LONDON, 20th July.

The Finance Bill has passed through com-
mittee after a twenty-five hours sitting.

S.S. "CHINA" LOST.

The East Asiatic Trading Co. kindly
inform us that they have received a telegram
from their agents in Vladivostok saying that
the s.s. *China* has met with an accident up
North, and is lost. All of the crew, excepting
Chinese, were saved. The Company cannot
tell us the nature of the disaster. They do
not know, in fact, whether the ship was
blown up or not. She left Hongkong for the
north in ballast on the 22nd inst. The *China* is
a steamer of 1,271 tons net. She was built at
Flensburg in 1884. Her agents were the
Chineseische Kustfahrt Ges. of which Messrs.
Menzell & Co. are managers. The vessel sails
from Hamburg.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

WINDING UP THE SESSION.

Last evening the pupils and past pupils of St.
Joseph's College gave a recreative soirée at the
College in Robinson Road. There was a large
attendance over which the reverend Director
Brother Joshua, presided. The ceremony mark-
ed the opening of the summer vacation, which
lasts until 1st September. The reason of the
holidays being so late in the season is that a num-
ber of the scholars were preparing for the Oxford
Local Examination, and rather than keep these
boys at work when the others were on vacation
the whole of the pupils were kept at lessons
until the Oxford Examinations had been got
over. It may be mentioned that among the
boarders are boys from such far-distant parts as
Siam, French Indo-China, Swatow, Amoy and
Canton. During the recess the scholars from
these places mostly return to their people, so
that to-day there will be many leave-takings by
the boys of their beloved teachers. His
Excellency the Officer Administering the
Government, Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., and Mrs.
May were unable owing to a previous engage-
ment to be present. The entertainment provided
by the past and present pupils was most enjoy-
able, and was very much appreciated by the
audience. The orchestra was as follows:—1st
violin—Messrs. F. Gonzalez, E. Lopez, J. M. S.
Rozario, and A. M. S. Rozario; 2nd violin—
Messrs. C. M. S. Alves, A. A. Remedios, Jr., H.
Remedios, L. Ribeiro, and F. B. Silva; clarionets
—Messrs. S. F. Pina, J. Baptista, and A. A.
Alves; flutes—Messrs. J. D. Osmund and F. X.
V. Ribeiro, Jr.; viola—Mr. G. Lopez; cornet—
Mr. A. J. Rodrigues; horns—Messrs. P. J.
Rodrigues and L. L. Xavier; euphonium—Mr.
A. E. Osmund; trombone—Mr. M. A. Vas; vio-
loncello—Mr. P. A. Rozario, Jr.; bass—Mr.
P. N. Sequeira; accompanist—Mr. O. Baptista.
The programme was as follows:—

PART I.
Wake Walk and Two Step "Smoky Mokes"
Societade Philharmonica Holzmann
Song..... "Little Drummer"
Master C. Lopez.
Mandoline Solo..... "La Paloma" S. Yradier
With guitar accompaniment.
Master J. Fonseca and M. Rocha.
Song..... "Ching-a-Ling"
Masters J. Garcia and A. Calvo.
Comic Song and Step Dance "Down by the River
Ohio"
Mr. Goulburn.
Violin Solo..... "Obertas W. Wieniawsky"
Mr. F. Gonzalez.
Sketch..... "Loss in Dalaya"
Charles Chevalier..... Master C. Sequeira
Richard Keedy..... Master E. Lopez
John Gay..... Master G. Alves
Mr. Hack (a deaf gentleman)..... Master F. Xavier
John Clod (a countryman)..... Master F. Laurel
Daniel Finn (an Irishman)..... Master L. Ribeiro
PART II.
Selection..... "Faust" Ch. Gounod
Societade Philharmonica
Song "The song that reached my heart" Jordan
Mr. J. Souza.
Violin Solo "Broken Melody" by Auguste van Biene
Master L. Ribeiro.
Comic Song..... "Ain't that a shame" Selected
Mr. J. Rozario.
Song..... "The Spunking Legacy"
Ursino Jacopo..... (A Cornish rinky-dink)
Jeremiah Jacopo (his nephew, an Englishman)
Mr. F. H. Barnes
Rinaldi (young Corsi) Mr. A. O. Barradas
Leon..... "Caus, rivals" Mr. L. E. Remedios
Brigadier of Genardus Mr. C. M. Soares
Caribineers Mr. H. Canados
Value Lento "Cuesante" Frank Lambert
Societade Philharmonica
Recitation..... "The Schoolboy's Valediction"
Master M. Rozario.
"God Save the King."

THE WAR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

ALL WELL THAT ENDS WELL.

THE "MALACCA" RELEASED.

LONDON, 22nd July.

It is reported that the P. & O.
steamer *Malacca's* release has been
ordered. General satisfaction is ex-
pressed.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN REVERSE.

LONDON, 22nd July.

It is reported from Moscow that
the Russian left (or eastern) force has
been repulsed by the Japanese, who
are now marching on Mukden.

[The original message was ambiguous, and,
indeed, could be read in two ways. In its bald
telegraphic and unparaphrased form it was:
"reported moscow Russian left repulsed
Japanese marching mukden." Which, it is
obvious, could also have been rendered "Russian
left has repulsed the Japanese and is marching
on Mukden." It is so unusual to have a bald
report of a Russian reverse from a Russian
source, that we had but little confidence in
presenting the message as it stands. The Rus-
sian "left," however, was the force last reported
near Mukden, and so we conclude that it is the
Japanese right, hailing from the north of
Saimachi, which is now, after another score,
pushing on Mukden. Still, the use of the
word "repulsed," applying strictly speaking to
the invaders, and the place of origin, Moscow,
are enough to cause doubts.]

"PAKING" REPORTED SEIZED.

LONDON, July 21st.

The China Mutual steamer *Paking*
is reported to have been seized in the
Red Sea.

WAR RISKS.

LONDON, July 21st.

The "war risk" insurance charges
have risen to ten guineas.

RUSSIA DEFIANT.

LONDON, July 21st.

Russia is assuming a defiant
attitude toward the British representa-
tions.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

BRITAIN BOUND TO INTERFERE.

LONDON, 20th July.

The Foreign Office at St. Petersburg
states that the *Malacca* will be taken to
Sebastopol for trial. The newspapers cen-
tinue an indignant outcry and demand
immediate action. The Government de-
clares that Great Britain, as Japan's ally, is
bound not to permit Russia to increase her
resources for injuring Japan by infringing
the neutrality of the Dardanelles.

THE RUSSIAN SUBTERFUGE.

LONDON, 20th July.

The *Malacca* has arrived at Port Said,
the passengers have been transferred to the
Marmora, outward bound; the crew has
been landed. The Captain has sailed for
Brindisi to report the circumstances to the
authorities in London. Pending reference
to Cairo, Port Said has refused an applica-
tion to coal and water the *Malacca* to take
her to Cherbourg. The *Smolensk* and the
St. Petersburg passed the Canal as well as
the Dardanelles under the commercial flag.
Great Britain is strongly protesting to
Russia with reference to the *Malacca*,
requesting her immediate release; and
adding that the most serious situation is
involved.

WAR ITEMS.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

Tokyo, 17th July.—Three successful skim-
ishes slightly to the east of Liaoyang and
north of the Liaoyang highroad are reported.
The Japanese damage was slight, and some
captures were made. The situation on the
Liaoyang highroad is unchanged. It is reported
that our army has proceeded to a point 7½ miles
from Liaoyang and cut off General Kuropatkin's
retrant. Chefoo, 17th July.—A traveller from
the North states that on Friday last heavy firing
was intermittently heard in the direction of
Tashichiao. (N.C. *Daily News*).

THE "SADO-MARU."

The *Sado-maru*, which was one of the trans-
ports recently torpedoed by the Vladivostok
Squadron, was docked on the 11th inst. at the
Mitsui Bishi Yard, Nagasaki. The steamer has
a large hole in her side amidships as the result
of the torpedo.

MINE LAYING.

An interesting point is raised by Admiral
Sir A. de Horsey apropos, the sinking of the
Japanese battleship *Hatsuse*, by a mine ten
miles from land. In a letter to the *Times* he
quotes Vatol as to the open sea being the
common property of all nations, and argues
that the laying of mines beyond territorial
waters would seem to be not only inhuman, but
a breach of international law and practice. Sir
A. de Horsey puts the case in a striking way
when he asks:—Is it conceivable that if England
were at war with another nation we should be
justified in endangering the ships of all neutral
nations navigating the English Channel by
placing destructive mines in that highway—
beyond our territorial waters?

THE ENGLISH PRISONERS.

On the authority of the *Harbin Daily Reporter*
of the 20th ultimo, it is stated that four railway
carriages with the prisoners taken from the
Sado-maru and *Idzumi-maru* arrived at Harbin
on the 26th ultimo. Twenty-three officers
(presumably including ship's officers) and four
Englishmen were brought in a first and second
class carriage, while two third-class carriages
covered with iron netting were filled with
seamen. The Russian authorities, it is stated,
are treating the prisoners kindly, supplying
food, tobacco, and soap, and preparing baths for
them. They are allowed to take exercise. The
names of the prisoners are given, but most of
the Japanese names are unintelligible. The
foreigners are all of the *Sado-maru*, their names
being:—Captain Anderson, Mr. Drug, Chief
Officer, Mr. Kerr, Chief Engineer, Mr. Car-
michael, Second Engineer, Lieutenant-Colonel
Sekura and four railway officials named Yano,
Kobayashi, Ogi, and Nakamura appear to be
from the *Sado-maru*.

JAPANESE GENERALS.

Among others, the *Kokumai* speaks with
pride and confidence of the four Generals to
whom the direct leadership of the Japanese
forces in the field has been entrusted—General
Kuroki, General Oka, General Nagai, and Gen-
eral Nozu. All these are tried men. They
have been before the country in the capacity of
able leaders for the past thirty years, and the
Japanese nation trusts them absolutely at this
crisis of its destiny. As for Field-Marshal
Oyama, the Tokyo paper remarks that though
the sphere of his duty is confined to Manchuria,
his every movement affects international rela-
tions, and he is cautioned not to be satisfied
with the success of defeating the enemy or
taking prisoner its commander. Marquis
Oyama has experience and popularity, and is one
of the most civilised soldiers of Japan. General
Kodama has strategic genius and the faculty of
rapid decision. It is needless to say that their
staff consists of picked officers, but Japan is not
left deficient in military talent. The Manch-
urian Headquarters staff is composed of half the
main brain of the Japanese army.

PRESSING IN.

It is learnt that the Japanese have already
occupied Hsuan-tai-ko on the west side of
Port Arthur, says the N.C. *Daily News* Tokyo
correspondent on the 19th inst.

TOGO THE TRUTH-TELLER.

The Japanese accounts of their successes
have all along been so moderate in tone, and
have so scrupulously avoided exaggeration, that
it is certain Admiral Togo would not make
the statements he does without justification.

NOLINS VOLENS.

It is reported by a news agency that the
Russian Minister in Peking has lately notified
the Chinese Foreign Office to the effect that
Russia will shortly evacuate the localities west
of Liao river, which had been occupied by the
Russian troops since the outbreak of the war.
These localities include Sin-ming-tung, Ken-
pang-tsz, Kinchow, and some other places.

ALERT FOR BLOCKADE RUNNERS.

Our special war correspondent has sent us
two telegrams from Chefoo to-day, says the
Shanghai Mercury on the 14th inst., according
to which the Japanese are keeping a strict
watch over vessels coming and going out of
Chefoo. No junks from Port Arthur have
arrived there, and it is evident from this fact
that they are keeping a strict watch there too.
As we expected, there is no confirmation or
further news of the great action wherein the
Japanese casualties were 28,000.

NOT WAR MATERIALS.

The British steamer *Chaltenham* which left
Otaru, Hokkaido, on the 28th ult. for Fusan
with railway materials for the Seoul-Fusan
Railway Company, was reported, the other day,
to be missing. According to telegrams received
at the branch office at Hokkaido and Yoko-
hama from the head office in England, she was
captured by Russian warships and taken to
Vladivostok, on the 6th inst. She had 3,000
railway sleepers and 12,000 feet of lumber
(valued at yen 35,000). The tonnage of the
vessel is 3,700.

THE ELECTRIC TRAMS.

Yesterday afternoon representatives of the
various local newspapers were taken out for
a ride in an electric car. The car, or cars would
be more correct, for there were two (one of the
open pattern and one of the semi-open pattern),
started from Arsenal Street and ran to very
near the terminus of the line at Shauiwan,
taking about 45 minutes to cover the
distance. One car was driven by Mr.
Gray Scott, manager of the Hongkong
Tramways Electric Co., and the other was
driven by Mr. Cause. Included with these
persons, not counting the Press representatives,
were Messrs. B. Shawan, Fung Wa Chiu and
H. Hackwood, resident engineer of the Hong-
kong Tramways Electric Co. The trolleys did
not jump the wires at all, and the cars climbed
up the slight inclines without any difficulty.
On the return journey, however, there was a
slight breakdown at Causeway Bay, but after a
minute or so the car went ahead as before. The
outing altogether, that is from Arsenal Street
to Shauiwan and back to the car-sid, lasted
about an hour and a half.

SPORT AND PASTIME.

Entries for the Gynkhana close at 6 p.m. to-day at the Hongkong Club. As an outline of the events has already appeared in the *Daily Press*, and as they are fully particularised in the advertisements to-day, there is no need for me to do more than express a hope that the entries will be numerous, and that a successful Gynkhana will be the result.

Mr. W. Ingalls' *Edgewise* the other day did the 1-mile in 1 min. 40 sec.; last 1-mile in 30 sec. *Persistence*, with Mr. Gillingham up, shaped very well. *Arcturion*, belonging to Lieut. Gaskell, R.E., or *Chantrelle*, owned by Lieut. Cooper, R.E., ought to win one of the non-winners' events. Mr. E. Hovart's *Trotter*, which stood a good chance of carrying off an event, has fallen lame again and is consequently out of it. The big event, of course, is the Gynkhana Club challenge cup, and my favourite for this is Mr. G. K. H. Brutton's *Little Mono*. Mr. J. P. Jordan's *Mudstap* may have a chance of pulling off the mile flat race for ponies that have never won a race, though, indeed, Mr. Gillingham's *Mudstap*, Mr. Hinchman's *The Kid*, Mr. N. H. Rutherford's *Mongoose*, and Mr. Patterson's *Zigzag* will all go over the course well in this event.

The weather during the past week has not been favourable for golf or tennis, and there has been very little doing. The tie in the "Bogey" Competition, T. S. Forrest v. J. Johnston, resulted in a win for Mr. Johnston. Dr. Mowatt, R.N., came out on top in the "MacKenzie" Cup, and Mr. W. D. Kraft "scopped" the pool.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club continues to work off its second rounds, which have to be finished before the end of the month. Bowls, like billiards, it would seem, is a game in which grey hairs are not at a discount. There are some old gentlemen at Kowloon who beat almost all comers. They have the reputation of knowing by sight every blade of grass on the green.

Entries for the Water Polo Shield close on the 25th inst.

The V.R.C. Aquatic Carnival to-day ought to be a particularly pleasant function, if only the weather keeps dry. I might mention that a secretary's lunch will leave Black Pier at 3:30 p.m. to convey members and spectators to the Club premises. Ladies are invited.

The Civil Service Cricket Club have embarked upon their Bowls Tournament. The improvements they are making at their ground at Happy Valley are extensive. Two of the quait beds are being moved further seaward to extend the bowling green.

The programme for the Volunteer Promenade Concert, to be held at 9 p.m. on Wednesday next, is a very good one. The band of H.M.S. *Ocean* will open and close each half with a selection. An open-air concert will be quite a novelty.

The Craigengower C.C. Tennis Tournament is still in progress, but the ground was too "slippy" during the past week. The third round is not yet completed.

The Polo Ground will be opened on the 1st prox.

Hongkong is remarkably free from the yelping curs that make life hideous in many Far Eastern towns. The Chinese Chow is the most prominent canine specimen in these regions, and I've an idea there are many worse dogs than he. A well-trained Chow will "tackle" any dog in creation, and one Chow within my knowledge "licked" everything he met till he fell foul of a bullock at the Kowloon Dock.

I notice that the Indian soldiers at Kowloon practice hockey and football almost every evening after sundown. They ought, as usual, to easily win the Hockey Shield next season.

On Thursday last the Royal Garrison Artillery played the Sherwood Foresters at water polo, at the V.R.C. premises. The R.A. won by 8-0. Members of the V.R.C. played a "pick up" practice game on Wednesday.

OMPAX.

THE PLAGUE IN FORMOSA.

The latest Consular report from Formosa respecting the plague epidemic in the island shows no apparent diminution in the number of cases, up to May 31st, one in every 800 of the population being infected with the disease. The last report showed that from the outbreak in January to the 15th May, 2,993 cases were reported, 2,052 being fatal. From the 16th to the 31st May the number of cases was 278, and deaths 446, bringing up the totals to 3,271 and 2,498 respectively. Tainan Ken is still the centre of the plague, 329 cases being reported in the town of Tainan and 266 deaths. The disease is also rampant in Taihoku Ken, as during the fifteen days fifteen cases and twelve deaths have occurred in Taipei, and ten cases and three deaths in Keelung.

A peculiar story comes from Meilly, near Dijon, where a wealthy octogenarian died and was buried next day, dressed at his own request in his everyday clothing. After the funeral, his only son made a search for his money, but could find only a few francs. Thinking this strange, and remembering that his father liked to carry his valuables about him, he asked the authorities for an exhumation order. This was granted, and the coffin was opened and the body searched, when several securities and bank notes to the value of many thousands of francs, while all the pockets were crammed with gold coins.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 22nd July.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR W. M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

ACTION FOR DELIVERY OF SHARES.
In the matter of *Wong Tat Hing ex parte* Wong Hoi Shan the Court took up the adjourned hearing of the application by the Official Receiver (Mr. Bruce Shepherd) for the surrender of 15 shares in the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, by Li Chang Chow. Mr. H. E. Pollock (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor), appeared on behalf of the Official Receiver. Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by Mr. J. Hays, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for Li Chang Chow. This was a case for the recovery of certain shares alleged to have been deposited with Li Chang Chow as security for a loan.

Mr. Pollock, for the Official Receiver, argued that the shares, not having been registered in the name of Li Chang Chow, were all the property of Wong Tat Hing, and therefore should be included in the assets for distribution among the creditors. The power of the bankrupt was vested in the Official Receiver, who, therefore, could dispose of the shares. After arguments as to whether Li Chang Chow could be legally deprived of his security, the Chief Justice said: "Supposing A was a trader and went to a bank and said he wanted to borrow \$1,000, offering to leave as security \$1,500 worth of shares in the Union Bank, together with a blank transfer. He believed that was almost a daily transaction. The bank would not know the trader's financial position—they would know he was a trader, but would not know that he was about to commit an act of bankruptcy. If, then, the trader, a day or a week later, committed an act of bankruptcy, was the bank's position secure? Could the bank be forced to hand over the documents to the Trustee?"

Mr. Pollock thought that they could. In this case, however, he contended that there was a prior act of bankruptcy. The Chief Justice said that was distinct, of course. It seemed peculiar that the man should go bankrupt one day after the loan was effected. From the evidence of Li Chang Chow, however, he was bound to say that he did not think that Li Chang Chow was a party to the fraud.

Mr. Slade submitted that sub-section 4, section 42 of the Bankruptcy Laws covered the transaction, and that Li Chang Chow was entitled to retain the shares.

Mr. Pollock pointed out that Li Chang Chow had no title, and nobody was recognised as a shareholder by the Company unless they were registered. The Chief Justice remarked that supposing a man went to the bank, borrowed money on the depositing of some shares and did not go bankrupt—could he go to the bank and demand his shares back without repaying the money he had borrowed? The bank held certain rights. Supposing he went bankrupt after the loan, the question then arose could the trustee demand from the bank the scrip? They would reply that they were deposited as security and would decline to give them up. Was the Trustee's position legal?

Mr. Slade stated that an equitable creditor was a secured creditor under the meaning of the bankruptcy laws.

Mr. Pollock proceeded to quote the law on the subject, and announced that he was referring to the Old Ordinances.

The Chief Justice referring to the New Ordinances said they were the "sole and only" ones, but they were the same.

Finally, the case was adjourned to allow of the following point being decided:—Assuming that Li Chang Chow had no knowledge or notice of any available act of bankruptcy on the part of Wong Tat Hing on March 4th, 1903, when the money was advanced on the security of the depositing of the shares, does the doctrine of the depositing of the shares, does the doctrine of the relation of the Trustee to the bankrupt, validate the transaction, if it was bona-fide on the part of Li Chang Chow? It is to be assumed that Wong Tat Hing committed an act of bankruptcy in February 1903, prior to the act upon which the petition was founded. The case was adjourned till to-day.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 22nd July.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

COUNTERFEIT COIN.

A man charged with unlawful possession of opium was found in possession of nine 20-cent bits and 81-piece counterfeit coin. Defendant said he got the money in change at a town in Chinese territory. He was fined \$50 and six hours' stocks or two months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

THEFT FROM STEAMER.

A coolie employed at the Kowloon Docks was charged with stealing a pair of boots from a steamer in dock. He was sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

LARCENY FROM A CLUB.

Three Chinese servants were charged with larceny from a Club, where they were employed, situated at No. 11, Taiping-shan Street. The stolen goods were found at a house in West Street. The defendants were each sentenced to three months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

HOUSEBREAKING OR COURTING?

A Chinaman was charged with house-breaking, but the suggestion was made that he had really been visiting his sweetheart. He was charged over the tiles and caught. The woman said the defendant did not come to see her. The defendant was

sentenced to three months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.
A man was charged with stabbing another man with scissors. As the injured man was unfit to leave hospital the case was remanded.

ALLEGED NEGLECT OF DUTY.
Mr. Jangley, inspector in charge of the Water Police, charged a Chinese constable with neglect of duty. The man is suspected of releasing a prisoner. The case was remanded.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

TRIALS.
The case of four men charged with being members of the unlawful (Triad) Society again came before the magistrate. Mr. P. W. Goldring, solicitor, of Mr. John Hastings's office, appeared on behalf of the second, third and fourth defendants. The third and fourth defendants were discharged and the other two were sentenced to six months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.
Mr. H. W. Looker, solicitor, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, prosecuted in the case of a man charged with assault. The complainant, it appears, has received dangerous wounds and may not live. The case was remanded.

STOLEN PROPERTY.
For paying and receiving stolen property a Chinaman was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and three hours' stocks.

FEARS TO OFFEND.

The War, yes, the war. There is circumstantial evidence to the effect that certain of the lieges of the Emperor of Japan are engaged with lethal weapons and explosive compounds encased in shells of iron or other metal to inflict grievous bodily harm upon certain of the lieges of the Emperor of Russia, and that certain numbers of both have been killed in the conflicts ensuing under circumstances which suggest malice aforethought and intent to kill. But certain Departments of the Government of this country look upon reports of such lawless proceedings with such utter repugnance that recently quite a number of both foreign and Japanese newspapers have been fined and are about being fined again for harassing the minds of peaceful citizens with circumstantial accounts of proceedings which deserve the severest censure of all law-abiding people. It appears that a party of Japanese excursionists, which, we must admit, might have been smaller, came to a pass, which if we remember correctly, is called Mother-in-law or something of the kind, where they began to pick up mineral specimens when a party of Russians, who, so far as we can gather, had no business there, attacked the Japanese excursionists, who got angry at this churlish interference and drove them back with great loss. Something similar seems to have happened at a place called the Tail-on pass, or something of the kind, but we shall not harass the feelings of our readers with tales of blood and violence. Something of the same character is reported to have occurred at a place called—our memory fails us here—but in that case, we regret to say, there seems to be no doubt but that the Japanese were the aggressors, and that 20,000 Russians were so offended with their rude behaviour that they went away and left the rude islanders where they were.

An equally unpleasant state of affairs seems to exist at Port Something, and unless an improvement in mutual relations takes place, a clash in the near future is all but unavoidable. —*Eastern Times.*

"JACK LONDON" ON THE SITUATION.

The following rather nonsensical *chiter dicta* were delivered by "Jack London," American war correspondent, at Honolulu, and appeared in the *Nagasaki Press* of the 16th inst.

"To me, the war is like a fight between a light, quick, agile, puny little pugilist pitted against a big pugilist. The little fellow gets in many body blows, succeeding each other with a rapidity to startle the big fellow, but the latter generally has a blow in reserve up his sleeve which proves fatal to his antagonist in the long run. That, to my mind, is the situation in the Far East. Supposing the Japanese do take Port Arthur and drive the Russians from the Liaotung peninsula, or even Manchuria itself, Japan must of necessity extend her line in a long, thin formation to Siberia almost, to guard its conquered territory. This far Japan has been the aggressor, and has had the advantage. Let her once be on the defensive and the situation may change. The whole question simmers down to this one point: How long each country can stand the strain upon its physical and financial resources. Japan, with the prestige of her naval and land victories, was enabled to make a foreign loan by pledging its customs receipts at six per cent. How will it be possible for them to place a second mortgage upon these receipts? That, to my mind, was a colossal blunder of the statesman who effected the measure. Every soldier that Japan is now sending to the front is lessening the country's power of creative industry. Every soldier takes a man from the manufacturing and agricultural pursuits to which the nation looks to obtain its gross revenues. The Japanese soldier is kept in the field as cheaply as any man can be sent to war, but there is a limit to resources. There may come a time then, when there may be no shoes to send to the soldiers and no powder to burn, and that will be the time when Japan will look for intervention. I believe that Russia will ultimately win out."

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Major C. G. Pritchard, Commandant and Adjutant.

ARTILLERY UNITS.
Parade.—At Head Quarters at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th instant, for Maxim Gun Drill. Sergt. Bartolomeo, R.G.A., will attend.

PROMOTION.
The following promotions will take effect from this date inclusive:—

RIGHT HALF, NO. 1 CO., H.K.V.A.
Corporal W. M. Deas to Sergeant and transferred to Left Half No. 1 Co., H.K.V.A.
Gunner L. E. Byett to Bombardier.
LEFT HALF, NO. 1 CO., H.K.V.A.
Bombardier G. E. Hedge to Corporal.
Bombardier D. Cameron to Corporal.
RIGHT HALF, NO. 2 CO., H.K.V.A.
Gunner C. H. Blason to Bombardier.
LEFT HALF, NO. 2 CO., H.K.V.A.
Corporal Gublay to Sergeant and transferred to Left Half No. 1 Co., H.K.V.A.
Bombardier J. MacCorquodale to Corporal.
Bombardier J. Reidie to Corporal.
Gunner H. L. Mather to Bombardier.
Gunner A. Watson to Bombardier.
Gunner A. MacKirdy to Bombardier.

NOTICE.
1.—It is notified for general information that the "March Out" has been postponed until later in the season.

2.—A Concert will be held at Head Quarters on Wednesday, the 27th instant, commencing at 9 p.m.

Prices \$2 and \$1.
If the weather is unfavourable the Concert will be held in the City Hall.

JOINED.
P. W. Goldring joined on July 19th, 1904, assigned Corps No. 4 Sub-division, Right Half No. 2 Co., H.K.V.A.

F. P. Lafesty joined on July 19th, 1904, assigned Corps No. 783 and posted to No. 6 Sub-division, Left Half, No. 2 Co., H.K.V.A.

FOREIGN TRADE OF JAPAN.

The foreign trade of Japan from January to June last resulted in an excess in imports of Yen 45,733,284, the figures of exports and imports for the six months being Yen 137,435,783 and Yen 183,169,067 respectively. The principal articles of the exports and the imports, with their declared value for the half year, are as follows:—

Exports.—Raw silk, Yen 28,136,500; Habutaye, Yen 18,144,599; Cotton yarn, Yen 13,607,958; Coal, Yen 8,319,604; Copper, Yen 5,887,229; Tea, Yen 5,757,050; Matches, Yen 4,752,452; Rice, Yen 3,550,383; Cotton cloth, Yen 3,506,051; Straw braid, Yen 2,568,143; Silk handkerchiefs, Yen 2,335,384; Refuse silk, Yen 2,281,326; Floor matting, Yen 2,010,814; Camphor, Yen 1,952,549; Cigarettes, Yen 1,845,095; Porcelain, Yen 1,619,705.
Imports.—Rice, Yen 35,762,935; Raw cotton, Yen 35,267,322; Sugar, Yen 13,522,039; Kerosene oil, Yen 9,275,955; Steamers, Yen 5,561,902; Flour, Yen 5,064,947; Iron and Steel, Yen 4,610,809; Machinery, Yen 4,510,120; Wool, Yen 4,263,727; Beans, Yen 2,924,427; Iron bars, Yen 2,028,937; Locomotives and Cars, Yen 2,001,496; Oil tanks, Yen 1,465,558; Paper, Yen 1,431,777; Hemp, Yen 1,184,395; Indigo, Yen 1,123,216; Leather, Yen 1,065,049.

SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER AT SEA.
S.W. monsoon prevails in all directions. It is moderating.

MISCELLANEOUS.
The *Yat Kiang* brought 3,000 tons of sugar from Sumatra for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

The *Gee* arrived from Saigon yesterday with 1,500 tons of sugar for Mr. Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

The *Madhavi* arrived from Kutchinotza yesterday with 5,950 tons of coal for the M.B.K.

The *Medan* arrived from Yap, P.I. yesterday with 220 tons of copra for Messrs. Siemssen & Co.

THE "SARDINIA."
The P. & O. s.s. *Sardinia*, from Japan, reports strong S.W. winds to Brecker Point, and thence to port light winds and fine. There were a few cases of plague at Amoy, but the port was free from other infectious diseases.

THE "SIAM."
The *Siam* arrived from Langkat, via Manila yesterday. On the last passage she experienced strong S.W. monsoon and high seas. The captain reports plague and smallpox at Langkat.

THE "HIPANGO."
There seems to be great uncertainty as to what has become of the *Hip Sango*, and all kinds of "bushers" were about town yesterday. The *Hip Sango* is a vessel of 1,040 net tons.

Before the Indo China Company bought her name was the *Elvira*. She was built by Messrs. Craig, Taylor & Co., of Stockton, in 1899.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. PETER'S CHURCH.
Queen's Road West.
Eighth Sunday after Trinity.
Matins (11 a.m.).

Venite, Aylward; To Deum, Gregory; Benediction, Jackson; Hymns, 7, 341, 596, and 402.
Holy Communion, 12.15.

Evangelism (6.30 p.m.).
Magnificent, Haves; Anne, Foster; Hymns, 270, 415, 255, and 55.

Holy Communion, 7.45.
The Church launch *Dayguying* will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Pier 10.30 a.m.); returning afterwards.

The Answering Point is the call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided. Sunday School 10-10.45 a.m.

GOSPEL HALL.
Arsenal Street, Top Floor, off Queen's Road East.

Meetings are held as follows:—Sunday—Acts 2, 42, 11 a.m.; Gospel Address, 6 p.m. Tuesday—Soldiers and Sailors' Bible Class, 6 p.m.

Thursday—General Bible Class, 6 p.m. Sunday—Prayer Meeting, at 6 p.m.

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Hongkong, 16th July, 1904.

AN IMPORTANT PRECEDENT.

The King of Italy has given his award in the controversy submitted to him as arbitrator by Great Britain and Brazil with reference to the frontiers of British Guiana. The text of the award shows that the decision is, in the case of the arbitration between this country and Venezuela respecting the Guiana frontier, on the whole, in favour of Great Britain. Brazil gets, it is alleged, no more than what was offered her by Lord Salisbury in 1891, and was then refused. The award is based on the doctrine, well recognised in modern times, that sovereignty over unoccupied territory is not acquired by mere assertion of rights or as an intention to take possession of it. It proceeds upon the principle implied in many previous awards, but never before, perhaps, so clearly expressed, that the taking possession effectively of a region is effectual for the whole when the latter is a physical unit, "but cannot be regarded as effectual for the acquisition of sovereignty over a whole region when, on account of its extent or physical configuration, it cannot be regarded as a *de facto* organic unity"—words which will doubtless often be cited, says the *Times*, as the guide in similar disputes. The award finds that Portugal and Brazil took possession of only some parts of the territory in question, and that Holland, and, later, Great Britain did the same as to certain other parts. It being impossible, on the evidence before him, to fix the line precisely, the arbitrator has divided the disputed territory by "taking into account the lines drawn by nature," and giving preference to "the line which, being the best throughout its whole length, lends itself best to an equitable division of the contested territory"; a course which every sensible judge would in like circumstances adopt. The frontier is to be the natural frontier in the proper sense of this much-abused phrase.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 22nd July, 1904:—Business generally continues dull, but with the exception of Indo-Chinese, which, under speculative influences, have further receded, rates are fairly well maintained, and in some directions have advanced.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have firmed up, and rates at \$60 1/2 have been effected, the market closing strong with buyers at the rate. London has advanced to 408 1/2. National are unaltered with buyers at \$38.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions continue quiet at \$5 1/2 with small sellers. China Traders are in the market at \$5 1/2 after sales at \$6 1/2. North-China can be obtained at 7 1/2, 65, and Yangtze at \$130. Cantsun have been placed at \$2 1/2.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong have ruled firm with small sales and further buyers at \$310. Chinas are quiet at \$28.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have firmed up, and shares have been parted with at the advanced rates of \$ 9 1/2 and \$30. It is reported that this Company will propose the payment of the usual dividend of \$1 1/2 per share at the forthcoming half yearly meeting.

Indo-Chinese under the pressure of sellers in the north have receded to \$105 cash sellers, whilst business for December delivery is said to have been effected at \$106, and later at \$104 1/2. China and

Manila have sold and are in further request at \$35 1/2. Douglases have been booked at \$35.

Star Forties have again advanced, and are now quoted at \$36 and \$35 for the old and new issues respectively. Shell Transports continue on offer at \$25 1/2.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been booked at \$154, \$185 and \$189, but close easier with probable sellers at \$185. Luzons are unchanged at \$9 sellers.

MINING.—Rents have sold at \$8 and close with further sellers at the rate. Unions are unchanged with sellers at 40 cent. Charbonnages close quiet at \$490 with probable sellers.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have strengthened, and sales at \$17 1/2 and \$218 for cash and the settlement are reported, market closing with further buyers for settlement delivery at \$2 1/2.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have weakened, and shares are now procurable at \$112.

New Amoy Docks are reported to have been sold at \$30, at which rate more shares are on offer. Earls have receded to 12 1/2, 142 cent the final dividend of 7 1/2 per share for the year ending 30th April last, paid in Shanghai yesterday.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands continue quiet at \$158 with sellers. Kowloon Lands can be placed at \$38. West Point's after sales at \$60 are still obtainable at the rate. Hongkong Hotels have sold and are in further request at \$134 1/2. China and

Estates have been booked at \$121, and more shares are wanted. Shanghai Lands are quoted at 12 1/2, 112 cent the interim dividend of 7 1/2 per share paid in Shanghai on the 18th instant.

COTTON MILLS.—Quotations are unchanged and there is no business to report.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cements have been booked at the advanced rate of \$30 China Brooms have sold, and more shares are offering at \$102. Electric after sales at \$13 1/2 are in further request at \$14 1/2, and \$8 (new), fees have improved to \$23 1/2 with sales and further buyers. Dairy Farms continue at \$37, request at \$20, and Campbell Moore at \$37. Providents and Powells are wanted at \$91, and \$104 respectively. Alambars have declined to \$150 sellers.

MEMOR.—London Land Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting at the Company's offices, Hongkong, to-day, the 23rd inst. Pungon Mining Co., Ltd., extraordinary general meeting for the purpose of considering a special resolution for the voluntary winding up of the Company, on the 28th instant. Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., interim dividend of \$4 per share payable on and after the 2nd August.

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